

HOUSE BILL 525

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EMERGENCY BILL

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By: **Delegates B. Barnes and Korman**

Introduced and read first time: January 21, 2022

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Montgomery County Council and Prince George's County Council – Candidate**
3 **Residency Requirements**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing residency requirements for candidates for the Montgomery
5 County Council and Prince George's County Council who seek to represent a county
6 council district in certain years; and generally relating to residency requirements for
7 county council candidates in Montgomery County and Prince George's County.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Local Government

10 Section 9–114

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2013 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
14 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article – Local Government**

16 **9–114.**

17 **(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN A YEAR IN WHICH:**

18 **(1) MEMBERS OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL AND PRINCE**
19 **GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL ARE ELECTED; AND**

20 **(2) A COUNTY COUNCIL REDISTRICTING PLAN TAKES EFFECT.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, A CANDIDATE FOR THE**
2 **MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL OR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL WHO**
3 **SEEKS TO REPRESENT A COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT IS:**

4 **(1) REQUIRED TO RESIDE IN THE COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT THE**
5 **CANDIDATE SEEKS TO REPRESENT AT THE TIME OF THE PRIMARY ELECTION AND AT**
6 **THE TIME OF THE GENERAL ELECTION; AND**

7 **(2) IS NOT REQUIRED TO RESIDE IN THE COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT**
8 **THE CANDIDATE SEEKS TO REPRESENT BEFORE THE PRIMARY ELECTION.**

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
10 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has
11 been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to
12 each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is
13 enacted.